

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m., June 22, 1993.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Joanne A. Grahame; Councilman Payton M. Otey; Councilman Ronnie C. Rice; Councilman W. D. Tharp; and Vice Mayor James A. Vest.

Members absent: None.

Staff present: City Manager Jack A. Gross; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Mayor Shelton opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on June 8, 1993, were approved as mailed.

On motion by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilman Otey, voted upon and carried unanimously, the following item was added to the agenda:

Resolution Confirming Declaration of Local Emergency

City Manager Gross stated that the three-judge panel reviewing the City's and the County's annexation settlement agreement met at the Circuit Court earlier in the day. Mr. Gross indicated that the judges approved the settlement agreement and signed the order to the Court, which means that on June 30, 1993, at 12 midnight the two areas will be a part of the City of Bedford.

The City Manager reported that Mrs. Amy McKinney has withdrawn her name from consideration for appointment to the City School Board because of personal conflicts.

Councilman Rice stated that he was not criticizing any of the City employees for their service after the storm that occurred on June 4. Councilman Rice indicated that his concern was not having an emergency plan in place.

Councilman Brookshier asked that the Recreation Director provide Council with an update on the Phase I plans for Reynolds Park.

The Mayor reminded Council of the regular meeting of the Central Virginia Planning District Commission (CVPDC) on July 8 at the Radisson Hotel in Lynchburg. Mayor Shelton stated that the CVPDC has invited Growth Commission members to speak at the meeting concerning proposed legislation affecting all government levels in Virginia.

Mayor Shelton stated that he had received comments from City electric customers in the Big Island area concerning electricity restoration following the June 8th storm. The Mayor indicated that the numerous rumors and misinformation being circulated should be dispelled.

Mayor Shelton reported that a letter has been written in answer to correspondence from the Chairman of the Bedford County Board of Supervisors concerning electricity restoration following the June 8th storm.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

Appointment of Mr. Billy Hackworth and Mr. Ben Hurd to serve five-year terms on the Local Building Code Board of Appeals, said terms to expire June 11, 1998.

Appointment of Mrs. Hazel Otey, Ms. Youtha Porter, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Ms. Rosemary Meyers and Mrs. Louise Robertson to serve three-year terms on the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission, said terms to expire June 30, 1996.

Appointment of Ms. Macie Ann Boggess to serve a four-year term on the Regional Library Board, said term to expire June 30, 1997.

On motion by Councilwoman Grahame, seconded by Councilman Otey, voted upon and carried unanimously, the consent agenda was approved.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bedford suffered severe and unprecedented damage during a wind and hailstorm on the night of June 4, 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, the storm brought down power lines on the City of Bedford's electrical system, causing outages to all of the customers served by the City's Electric Department; and

**WHEREAS**, certain citizens had to be evacuated from their homes to an emergency shelter provided for them by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager found it necessary to declare a local emergency in order to deal with the situation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, that the declaration of local emergency made by the City Manager on June 4, 1993, be and it hereby is confirmed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the local emergency declared on June 4, 1993, has now ended.

Councilman Rice moved that the resolution be adopted as read. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Brookshier      aye

Councilwoman Grahame      aye

Councilman Otey      aye

Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

City Manager Gross stated that Council had received a memorandum from Mike Smith, Athletic Program Supervisor, requesting the closing of Bedford Avenue Extension at the Health Department and Primary School entrances during the following times and dates:

July 23	4:00 - 8:30 p.m.
July 24	4:00 - 8:30 p.m.
July 25	3:00 - 7:30 p.m.
July 26	5:00 - 8:30 p.m.
July 27	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
July 28	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
July 30	4:00 - 8:30 p.m.
July 31	4:00 - 8:30 p.m.
August 1	3:00 - 7:30 p.m.
August 2	5:00 - 8:30 p.m.
August 3	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
August 4	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Gross indicated that these closings are requested in order to control the entrance of various teams and spectators during the State Ponytails and Youth tournaments. The Parks and Recreation Department will notify the Bedford Life Saving Crew and the Elks National Home and will inform the public through the local radio station.

Vice Mayor Vest suggested that the Fire Department also be notified.

On motion by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilman Brookshier, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council granted permission to close Bedford Avenue Extension during the times and dates as delineated.

City Manager Gross stated that Section 58.1-3251 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, requires that a city tax assessor be appointed to conduct the reassessment of real property. Mr. Gross indicated that Council had received copies of a proposed resolution appointing Mr. Frank S. Stacy as city assessor. Mr. Stacy is on the staff of Old Dominion Appraisal Company, the firm which is conducting the 1993-94 reassessment in the city, and will serve as Project Supervisor.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, requires cities such as Bedford to reassess property at intervals not to exceed four years; and

**WHEREAS**, 1994 is the fourth year since such reassessment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, also requires that a city tax assessor be appointed to conduct such reassessment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Frank S. Stacy be appointed as city assessor, such appointment to expire at the completion of the last working day on June 30, 1994, and that an attested copy of this resolution authorizing Frank S. Stacy to serve in this capacity be forwarded to the Property Tax Section, Department of Taxation, of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution as read:

Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Councilman Otey	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Councilman Brookshier	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

On motion by Councilman Brookshier, seconded by Councilman Otey, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote, Council adjourned into executive session to interview applicants for the City School Board and city representative to the County School Board, pursuant to Section 2.1-344(a)(1), Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended:

Councilman Otey	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye

Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Councilman Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:55 p.m. Non-council members attending were: Mrs. Elizabeth A. Bailey, Ms. Diana Bare, Mrs. Molly C. Thompson, and Mr. William S. Ludwig.

Council reconvened into open session at 10:42 p.m.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

### **RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Bedford hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

On motion by Councilwoman Grahame, seconded by Councilman Otey, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote, the resolution was adopted:

Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Councilman Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Councilman Otey	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council appointed Elizabeth A. Bailey, Molly C. Thompson, and Diana Bare to the City School Board for three-year terms, said terms to expire June 30, 1996.

On motion by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilman Otey, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council appointed Elizabeth A. Bailey as City representative to the Bedford County School Board for a term of four years, said term to expire June 30, 1997.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 10:43 p.m.

